



# Newport Residents Association Inc.

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## Minutes of Meeting Held 15th June 2021 at Newport Community Centre

### Meeting commenced at 7.04pm

Members present:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary:

Committee members:

As per Covid19 attendance sheet

Gavin Butler (apology)

Kyle Hill

Glenn Moore

Wendy Dunnet

Peter Middleton, Sue Young, Simon Barlow

### President' Note

Kyle Hill on behalf of Gavin Butler welcomed members and special guest, Trish Chaney, from NBC.

**Apologies:** Gavin Butler

**Tribute:** Kyle Hill paid tribute to Dr. Ruth Latukefu who passed away recently. She was a very well respected member of the Newport community. Her many friends and associates celebrated her life in a hearty manner as she would have expected. She will be greatly missed.

**Approval of Minutes** of previous meeting held 18th May 2021.

Moved: P.Middleton

Seconded: G.Moore

### Treasurer's Report:

Balance as @ 01/05/2021	992.26
Add Receipts	40.00
<b>Sub total</b>	1032.26
Deduct Payments	53.10

Net assets as at 31/05/2021	979.16
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Moved: R. Seldon    Seconded:S.Young

Note: Members Subs 2021-2022 Now Due & Payable

**Correspondence & Matters Arising:**

Trish Chaney advised the re-opening of the Avalon Customer Service centre ( 830am-5pm Monday-Friday.)

NBC advised the Draft Social Sustainability Strategy 2040 and Policy is now on exhibition. Comments close 27th June.

Also closing on 27th June comments re; the Wakehurst Parkway Flood mitigation report.

We had an email from a Mary Wamaitha (USA) inquiring if we would be interested in their sculptures made from recycled flip-flops.

**Matters arising**

Trish Chaney advised the Eric Green pathway had been cleared & repairs made. GB noted by return email that regular maintenance will be required as the weeds grow back.

She also provided us with contact details to lodge a formal complaint regarding Mrs Robertson wine bar. These details have been forwarded to the nearby neighbour.

Queens Parade East re-sheeting is not included in the current or next year program. It will be considered for FY 2022/2023. Only Suncrest Ave & Gladstone St are to be completed by June 2022.

WD emailed Trish Chaney to request consideration by NBC to pay for the cost of our Survey Monkey. TC to advise.

Sue Young forwarded confirmation that the Local Government Amendment bill 2021 that passed Parliament on 13th May 2021 included an amendment for proposals for de-amalgamations. The benefit for Pittwater is that a community proposal should be treated in the same manner as proposals by the new councils in relation to full funding by the government & limits on processing times. She advised the Inner West Council is conducting a poll on de-amalgamation at the September Council elections.

GB sent a further submission to PP0003/17 regarding the Nooal St & Bardo Rd amendment to the Pittwater LEP. The submissions closed 30th May. His submission reiterated that this LEP change to a Senior's development on E4 zoned land sets a terrible precedent & should not have occurred in the first place and it should be prevented.

**Items for Discussion:**

**351 Barrenjoey Rd (nth corner Barrenjoey Rd & Robertson Rd)**

At the Council meeting (23rd March 2021) the Mayor tabled a Mayoral minute which was passed. Simon Barlow raised the matter that he has not heard anything regarding the workshop. Trish Chaney emailed Louise Kerr during the meeting & she responded, advising that Council has not been able to find a Facilitator for the meeting. Council are now trying to find another facilitator to run

the meeting. (Council aims to have representatives of all parties concerned with the development (s) of Robertson Rd, including property owners, the NRA & Council meet to discuss the best outcome.)

Robertson Road was the main topic in addition to the Nooal St & Bardo Rd zoning, at a meeting held recently with Rob Stokes & attended by Gavin Butler, Peter Middleton, Simon Barlow, Selena Webber & Wendy Dunnet. Simon Barlow read the presentation he made to Stokes to the meeting. There followed further discussion on the various points raised and subsequent discussion on how to resolve the Robertson Rd situation.

The DA application will now go to the Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel due to the number of submissions received by Council. Date to be determined.

### **Newport Planning Applications**

We received notification of 3 applications each regarding local licences. Each application was discussed and no further action was required.

### **Classification 62 and 85 Hillside Rd**

No one has received any notification regarding the classification of these two sites. Trish Chaney to advise.

### **Local Housing Strategy**

Passed by Council and now included in the process of the development of a new NBC LEP which will go on public exhibition. Sue Young spoke to the meeting on checking the detail in the LEP discussion paper and the importance of everyone reading it when it is available. Especially the possible changes to zoning and associated definitions. Mona Vale / Warriewood industrial areas are being considered for possible changes from light industrial to general industrial.

### **Youth Crime in the Northern Beaches**

GB was going to discuss with Rob Stokes but there was not enough time at the meeting held recently. Trish Chaney suggested reading NBC's Community Safety Plan which is on exhibition until 29th June and open for comments.

### **Newport Survey**

Glenn Moore updated the meeting. All questionnaires (over 800) have been collected and the results are now being collated which will take some time.

### **NBC Reference Group Updates**

PM provided a summary of his SRG - Economic & Smart Communities Group meeting, held 19th May 2021. First discussed, was the Destination Management Plan, which due to Covid19 has been in development for almost 2 years. Therefore, the current draft had become more tactical than strategic but did reflect immediate & short term increased co-operation & practical support from Destination NSW, including itineraries & promotional support for a Winter 2022 campaign themed "Be surprised". The group felt that longer term components needed to be more strategic, addressing the core platform: *The Northern Beaches is an extraordinary destination offering world class beach & bushland experiences, with vibrant villages that reflect our contemporary lifestyle.*

The introduction of Smart Parking was discussed & the advantages outlined. It is now operational at Newport Beach. Visitors to Newport (& across the Northern Beaches except Bilgola & Whale Beach) will be able to use the NSW Parking App as an option to either a credit card or cash.

The group was also given an initial briefing on the Economic Development Strategy being developed. The bulk of the session was workshopping aspects & elements which needed

consideration in arriving at a draft strategy. It was suggested business leaders & other individuals should be approached to discuss critical issues & directions. Suggestions of who that may be would be welcome.

### **General Newport Maintenance Matters**

Following on from an on-site meeting last year, Council has developed a draft landscape plan for Dearin Park (corner of Gladstone Rd and Kalinya St). Kyle Hill & Glenn Moore had a meeting recently & have put additional seating on the plan for Council to consider. WD to forward to Steve Lawler.

After last month's meeting, Council advised it does not have a current eradication program for Indian Myna birds. Greg Ross has been following up with the Northern Beaches Indian Myna Action Group and is planning to purchase a trap. He also volunteered to prepare a briefing note to Council to discuss the problem. Possibly Council may be able to suggest the best way to reduce the proliferation of the birds especially around the cafes & outdoor seating areas. WD to forward his letter to Trish Chaney.

### **NBC Matters & Projects Open for Comment**

Council is establishing a Youth Advisory group & is looking for nominations from the Community for people 12-21 years to apply. Closes 27th June 2021.

Dine & Discover vouchers have now been extended to 31st July 2021.

### **General Business:**

Simon Barlow addressed the meeting on the plans for a letterbox drop he is preparing as an extension to his Facebook page 'Saving Robertson Road'. It will include a QR code so those who wish to, can access the survey that has been prepared specifically on Robertson Road.

Trish Chaney reported that the Newport Working Group will meet on 23rd June at 530pm at the Newport Community Hall. This will be their first meeting since COVID. Glenn Moore will be attending on behalf of the NRA

**Meeting Closed at 8.30pm**

**Next Meeting: will be Tuesday 20th July 2021 at the Newport Community Centre at 7.00pm**